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DIARY NOTES

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25 January 1963

1. Emmett Echols called me to suggest that we might do something about a luncheon for Ed Saunders next Thursday, 31 January, when he will receive the Intelligence Medal of Merit. I have arranged to invite the DD/S Office Heads to the luncheon immediately after the presentation.

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2. [REDACTED] told me that General Carter had received a letter from [REDACTED] asking him to interest himself in the reasons why Bill had not heard from the Civil Service Commission about his retirement since his departure several months ago. I talked to [REDACTED] and Bob [REDACTED] about this. It seems that [REDACTED] left the Agency in late August of 1962 and his record has not yet been forwarded to the Civil Service Commission. I emphasized to [REDACTED] that this situation was totally unsatisfactory and that, if the Comptroller didn't do something to get it in order, we were going to find ourselves in hot water with General Carter. At Bob's request I agreed to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Offices of Security, Personnel, and the Comptroller next week to discuss this entire matter. I also asked [REDACTED] 25X1A9a to get another report from the Civil Service Commission to see if there has been any improvement since they gave us the other statistics a few months ago.

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3. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. The Director said that when he talked to Representative Cannon yesterday he was sympathetic to our need to acquire additional real estate. However, Representative Sheppard asked some questions which indicated that he thought we might need to acquire even more property than we were going after at this time. Later in the day [REDACTED] telephoned to advise 25X1A9a me that Mr. Cannon, on behalf of the House Appropriations Committee, had given his approval to our proposal as submitted. *H*

b. The Director reported that he met with Mr. Gilpatric yesterday about some of our problems and thought that the meeting went well. He is going to have another meeting with Mr. Gilpatric, Mr. McNamara, and General Taylor. General Carter emphasized that the Director was doing this in his capacity as the Director of Central Intelligence and that the Agency as such should stay out of it at this point.

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4. General Carter, [REDACTED] and I went to [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

a. We looked over a few sets of quarters which might be fixed up as "VIP quarters". We decided that [REDACTED] which is now vacant, should be readied for this purpose; however, we do not wish to spend any money on it at this time. [REDACTED] seemed to be the ideal one for this purpose but we do not wish to evict [REDACTED] who now occupies it, and it is also small. However, the plan will be that when Ken vacates this house we will add a two-bedroom wing and fix it up as "VIP quarters" at that time. 25X1A 25X1A 25X1A9a

b. We also took a quick look at the construction at [REDACTED]. I would say that it is a good six months behind schedule. [REDACTED] thought they might complete it by 1 September 1963. (I don't think so and would be surprised if they completed it by 1 January 1964.) 25X1A6a 25X1A9a

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5. Last evening [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] telephoned me for advice. Apparently he had been contacted by a Mr. [REDACTED] from the Office of Security who was interested in [REDACTED], Bob's brother-in-law. Bob said that Jack was not sending his wife enough money to make ends meet and, in fact, she had been notified that unless she made certain payments on the house on Monday, 28 January, they would foreclose. Bob wanted my advice as to whether he should report this to [REDACTED] or if there was some other better way to handle it. I told him that I didn't think so and that he should call [REDACTED]. He said he would do this. This morning I called Colonel Edwards and gave him all of this background and suggested he interest himself in the case. FOIAb3b1 25X1A9a

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